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All the best,

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However before going overboard on an Emission Sequence I would suggest that you read Page IX of My book. Since writing this book I have found that the sequences that I set forth for 1794 1804 and 1806 need revisions. However Nothing Earth Shattering. You might also note that I used 2 presses on all 3 of these years.

Now to continue with the Point Made by Loring.

The use of Planchets is again another of those chaotic type items in which the Continuity of S-P-15-17 is based on what accountants refer to as FIFO (FIRST IN, FIRST OUT) ^{thrusters} Method. Where are other ^{inserters} Methods such as LIFO (LAST IN FIRST OUT) and of course the FUBAR method (FOULED UP BEYOND ALL RECOGNITION) What it comes down to, is ^{hard} dogmatic use of Planchets by the FIFO Method ties it very nicely but in all probability the FUBAR Method was used. So to tie more than a generality to Planchets is far fetched in my opinion.

What makes anyone think that the Mint ^{actually} ~~did~~ ^{going} things in a Coherent Mating Diagram? It's Nice to think they did and in a number of instances the evidence is Very Clear. But as I Point out in my book on Page IX the Coherent Mating Diagram is the product of what I refer to as the "Single Process theory" It's Nice and Neat but it "Ain't necessarily so"

I'm going to close now I hope my
 scrawl hasn't got your mind wandering. I did
 enjoy the article and don't worry about upsetting
 AppleCart. I've been doing it for years with
 the intention of getting persons to think for themselves
 and not blindly follow the great leader.

Sincerely
 Roger



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February 11, 1974

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Dear Roger:

I much appreciate the kind words of support in re the controversy on the Heads of '93. Several members of EAC ~~they~~ have taken the trouble to communicate with me and, thus far, they have tended to support my case.

By the way, I would agree that a FUBAR method of inventory accounting was used. The planchets to which Denis refers are pretty in their own way but obviously very brittle and very difficult to form. This being the case, it would only be human nature to put such planchets back in the barrels in favor of withdrawing from stock material of higher quality. In fact, it is almost an immutable industrial law that, with respect to raw material inventories, those items remaining in the warehouse are of less than average quality.

Hope to see you at our March meeting.

Sincerely,

John W. Adams

JWA/md

7/27/81

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Dear John ..

Received my copy of Vol I Number 23 of
"The Asylum" today. Your article on Woodward
vs Forrester was of interest in view of my letter
to Jack Collins which I enclose a copy of.

Do you think that in 50 to 100 years copies of
my letter will be sought? I admit I come
down rather hard but the deception is glaring
to me.

What do you think

Yours
K. J. J.



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July 30, 1981

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Dear Roger:

I was quite taken aback by the tone and content of your letter to Jack Collins. When I read the Breen article, I took it for just what I think it was meant to be — an article, however dated, by a very well known numismatic name. Certainly, somewhere between 97% and 100% of the readership of "The Asylum" is familiar with your book and the fact that it is the latest word on the subject.

If you have not yet decided to subscribe to "The Asylum," all I can say is that you have very high standards indeed. The members and dealers in the Bibliophiles Club are, by a wide margin, the nicest group of people I've met in numismatics. This comment is not to be a putdown of the EAC, whose members are a lot of fun as well.

Sincerely,

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Moved

Dear John,

I couldn't help but notice your line in the Adams - Every correspondence in the latest P.O. in regard to W. Breen. Correct me if I'm wrong but Every seemed to lean heavily on the "Two Press Theory" which as you ^{may} realize I applied to Half Cents. Back in March 1982 Jack Collins let me read the manuscript for WALTER BREEN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF UNITED STATES HALF CENTS 1793 - 1857. In this manuscript the author dismissed my "Two Press Theory" as "unprovable" and "highly doubtful". He may have changed his mind. Just the same when the Book comes out you may enjoy his attacks on my book and particularly Dr. Sheldon who is described as "having feet of clay".

The History of the early Mint goes what is known today in my opinion, certainly supports the Two Press Theory. This is particularly true with Copper and eventually I believe it will be Brass. In the meanwhile I thought you might like to know what W. Breen had to say in regard to the theory.

Best wishes.
Byler

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